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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – PR&RD Department – Sri P.B.V.Prasad, the then Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, Guntur District (Retd.) committed certain irregularities in execution of the work of "Construction of S.S.Tank to provide sustainability to CPWS Scheme to Nuzendla and other habitations in Nuzendla Mandal in Guntur District" – Inquiry Conducted – Charges held proved – Imposition of penalty of "Withholding of 5% Pension for a period of one (1) year" under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980 – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.VI) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.292 **Dated: 02/04/2024.**
Read the following:-

1. From the CE, Lr. No. AE-2/DEE/VQC/NRDWP/CPWSS NUZENDLA/17- 18,Dt:30.05.2018.
2. From the ENC,RWS&S,Vijayawada, Lr No.Vig(3)/RWS&S/41201/ 2018 , dt:31.10.2018.
3. G.O.Rt.No.302, PR&RD (Vig.VI) Dept., dt:25.03.2019.
4. G.O.Ms.No.98, PR&RD (Vig.VI) Dept., dt:25.03.2019.
5. G.O.Rt.No.309, PR&RD (Vig.VI) Dept., dt:25.03.2019.
6. WSD, dt:27.06.2020 of Sri P.B.V. Prasad, the then SE, RWS&S, Guntur Dist.,(Rtd)
7. G.O.Rt.No.820-821, PR&RD (Vig.VI) Dept., dated:14.09.2022 .
8. From Sri R.P.Thakur, IPS (Retd.), Member, Commissionerate of Inquiries & Inquiring Authority, D.O.Letter No.62/COI-RPT/2022, dated 10.05.2023.
9. Govt.Memo.No.41021/VIG-VI/2018, Dated:03/06/2023.
10. Explanation, dt:03.07.2023 from Sri P.B.V.Prasad, the then SE, RWS&S, Guntur District (Retd.) received through the ENC, RWS&S Letter No.Vig. (3)/RWS&S/41021/2018, dt:10.07.2023.
11. Govt. Memo. No. 492579/VIG.VI/2018, dt:10.02.2024.
12. Explanation, dt:07.03.2024 from Sri P.B.V.Prasad, the then SE, RWS&S, Guntur District (Retd.)

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ORDER:-

As per Government instructions, Sri S.Kanthanath, Chief Engineer-II, RWS&S was kept as enquiry officer for conducting enquiry and submitted detailed report, vide reference 1st read above, on occurrence of breach of summer storage tank bund in the work – "Construction of S.S.Tank to provide sustainability to CPWS Scheme to Nuzendla and other habitations in Nuzendla Mandal in Guntur District". The Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department has forwarded the above enquiry report vide reference 2nd read above to Government and requested the Government to take stringent action against default officers mentioned in the report as per CCA Rules.

2. Accordingly in the reference 3rd read above, common disciplinary proceedings were initiated against Sri P.B.V.Prasad, the then Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, Guntur District (Retd.) and

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others by framing Articles of Charge under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991 and by according sanction under Rule 9 of APRPR, 1980 vide reference 4th and 5th read above for having failed to verify the suitability of soils, failed to allow 7km for borrow soils and executed poor quality work.

3. After examining the Written Statement of Defence submitted by the charged officer i.e., Sri P.B.V.Prasad, the then Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, Guntur District (Retd.) received in the reference 6th read above, Government had appointed Sri R.P.Thakur, IPS (Retd.), Member, Commissionerate of Inquiries as Inquiring Authority and M.Vara Prasad, Advocate as Presenting Officer respectively under Rule 20 (2) & (5) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991 to conduct inquiry into the charges.

4. In the reference 8th read above, the Inquiry Report was received from the Inquiring Authority duly holding that out of four Charges, Charge-I was held proved. The Inquiry Report was communicated to the Charged Officer and requested to offer his explanation if any vide Memo 9th read above. The Explanation of the Charged Officer Sri P.B.V.Prasad, the then Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, Guntur District (Retd.) was received vide 10th read above.

5. Government, after careful examination of the matter, provisionally decided to impose a penalty of withholding of 5% pension for a period of one(01) year on the charged officer i.e., Sri P.B.V.Prasad, the then Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, Guntur District (Retd.) under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

6. Accordingly, in the reference 11th read above, a Show Cause Notice was issued to the Charged Officer, to explain as to why the penalty of withholding of 5% pension for a period of one(01) year should not be imposed on him, under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980. In the reference 12th read above, the Charged Officer, Sri P.B.V.Prasad, the then Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, Guntur District (Retd.) has submitted a representation and requested to exempt him from the punishment as he was already retired on 31st July 2017.

7. Government, after careful examination of the matter keeping in view of the findings of Inquiring Authority and written representations of the Charged Officer Sri P.B.V.Prasad, the then Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, Guntur District (Retd.) , have decided to impose a punishment of "withholding of 5% pension for a period of one(01) year", as per the gravity of proved charge, against Sri P.B.V.Prasad, the then Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, Guntur District (Retd.) on the allegations of "Construction of S.S.Tank to provide sustainability to CPWS Scheme to Nuzendla and other habitations in Nuzendla Mandal in Guntur District".

8. Accordingly, Government, hereby order to impose the punishment of "withholding of 5% pension for a period of one(01) year" under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980 against Sri P.B.V.Prasad, the then Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, Guntur District (Retd.) .

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9. The Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, Vijayawada shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT(FAC)

To
Sri P.B.V.Prasad, the then Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, Guntur District (Retd.), through Engineer-in-Chief, RWS&S, Vijayawada.
The Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, Vijayawada (in duplicate with a request to obtain and furnish the dated acknowledgment of the orders)

Copy to:
The Secretary, APVC, Secretariat Building-5, Velagapudi.
The Accountant General, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Chief Engineer-II, RWS&S.
The Superintending Engineer, RWS&S, Guntur District.
SF/SC.

// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER